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To the Ways and means commitee,

I have been unemployed since March 2008. Construction industry was hit hard. The Kitchen remodeling department does not even exist by the previous Company I worked for. All this time I have not been able to find another job but, did get my general contractors license. I had an illness along the way that I am just coming out of and would like to continue the plans of starting that small business and provide work for others.

This emergency hardship is difficult for others to see clearly but, It is so clear. I know I'm not the only one that sits in it praying I will be able to keep a roof over my head and cover the basics needs at least to continue a plan for the future! This month is crucial since I have not figured out how I am going to pay my rent and bills? I am my sole provider.

It is so important after this enduring unfortunate journey speaking for myself and many others there is some hope and a place to turn right now with another extension of unemployment benefits to the Long Term Unemployed.

Sincerly doing everything possible,
Robin Lewis